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CARTERVILLE, MO.

Terms. Cash with order. Prices include postage.

My main list is published in the fall, and includes tulip and narcissus bulbs, peonies, and a few miscellaneous items. To those receiving this list a copy of the fall list will be sent without further notice or request. I try to have it ready for mailing in August.

If there is anything in the flower, plant or seed line that you wish and do not know where to get, write me. As I receive a great number and variety of catalogues, I can probably tell you where it can be obtained.

GERMAN IRISES

German irises should be planted shallow, and should be given, as nearly as possible, a dry, well-drained location in full sun. A dressing of some form of lime or limestone is very beneficial.

Germanica Alba. Early. Pure white. 15c.

Amas. Early. Very large flower, two shades of rich purple. 20c.

Kochii. Early. Buds soot-black, flower deepest purple. An indispensable variety. 15c. 6 for 66c.

Ciengialti. Similar to Pallida Dalmatica, but smaller, deeper in color, and richly fragrant. 15c. 6 for 66c, 25 for \$2.25.

Pallida Dalmatica. This variety still is unsurpassed. Plant large, tall and stately. Flower very large, soft lavender in color. 20c. 6 for \$1.00, 25 for \$3.00.

SIBERIAN IRISES

These are very decorative in style and aristocratic in bearing.

They grow well in almost any soil or location, and are especially well at home by the waterside. They should be planted a little deeper than the German irises.

Blue King. Rich dark blue. 15c. 6 for 50c, 25 for \$1.50.

Dark Blue. Rich dark purple-blue. 15c. 6 for 50c, 25 for \$1.50.

Superba. Dark purple. 15c.

Distinction. A flower of remarkable beauty. Blue, with white veining. The stem is very tall and bears many flowers, the plant being in bloom much longer than most varieties of the Siberian type. A mass planting at blossom time is one of the most distinguished that can be staged in a garden. 25c. 6 for \$1.20, 12 for \$2.25.

SWAMP IRISES

Though best at home by the waterside, these, like the Siberians, will thrive in any good garden location. Set them shallow, covered not more than two inches.

Pseudacorus. Foliage tall and handsome. Flower flat, a deep golden yellow with black markings. 25c.

Orientalis Gigantea. Ochroleuca. A superb flower, pure ivory-white, with yellow blotch on the falls. 25c.

Longipetala Superba. Spuria Mrs. A. W. Tait. This is like the preceding variety in type, but a dainty lavender in color, shading from nearly blue to pink, with yellow suffusions. 25c.

ORNAMENTAL GRASS

Eulalia Gracillima. Grows to five feet in height. Foliage of darkest green, very slender and graceful. The dainty blossom plumes which come in fall are fine for winter bouquets. 15c. 12 for \$1.20. Larger plants 25c, 50c, \$1.00, according to size.

TUBEROSE

Mexican Single. Everblooming. Of the purest white, and exquisitely fragrant. Buy freely of these, for they are sure to bloom, and come in late summer when flowers are scarce. Also they are easily kept over winter, and will bloom again next year. Plant when the ground has become warm, after danger of frost is over. 10c. 4 for 25c, 10 for 50c, 24 for \$1.00.

SNOWDROP

The snowdrop, though small, is a flower of faultless beauty and of matchless grace and charm. It is the first of the early spring flowers, and a planting of it rapidly increases in numbers. These bulbs, of my own growing, will be delivered in June or July, and should be planted as soon as received. They do best in a moist shady place where they can remain undisturbed. 5c. 6 for 25c, 12 for 44c, 25 for 75c.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Ornithogalum Umbellatum. Another of the early spring flowers, white, with a greenish tinge. Blooms in great masses when established. Delivered in June or July, and should be planted at once. Small bulbs like these and snowdrops should be planted only about two inches deep. 5c. 6 for 20c, 12 for 36c, 25 for 60c.

HARDY VIOLET

Snowflake. A robust-growing variety, blossom large, rich blue, spotted pure white. 15c.

HARDY BAMBOO

A strong, hard-wooded, grassy-looking plant which grows to eight feet high, and makes a very elegant ornament for the lawn or waterside. The leaves remain green until well into the winter, and the stems do not die down. Strong field-grown plants, \$1.00.

HARDY NUT TREES

Pecan. Hardy northern type, choice nuts.

Japanese Walnut. They grow rapidly, come to bearing very young, and yield heavily. The nuts are easily cracked and extracted, and have a flavor similar to that of the butternut.

Japanese Chestnut. It is hoped that the Japanese chestnuts will prove immune to the chestnut blight, which is killing the native trees. This variety is Shibakuri, which has nuts about the same size as the American chestnut, and nearly equal in quality.

3 nut trees, any assortment. 50c. .

IMPORTED BULBS FOR SUMMER DELIVERY

Orders for these should be placed early, as stock will not be held for fall sales.

These are some of the bulbs that go under embargo at the close of this year, and thereafter, for a while at least, will be off the market.

As soon as received they should be planted. They should be set two to three inches deep, in a cool, moist, shady location, where they can remain indefinitely.

Chionodoxa Luciliae. Flowers bright soft blue with white center, several to a stem, giving a fine display of color. 6c. 3 for 15c, 12 for 54c, 25 for \$1.00.

Eranthis Hyemalis. Winter aconite. Flowers golden yellow, blooming with the snowdrop. 5c. 3 for 12c, 12 for 40c, 25 for 75c.

Fritillaria Meleagris. Guinea-hen flower. 7c. 3 for 20c, 12 for 72c.

Grape Hyacinth, Blue. Muscari. A beautiful flower of rich and brilliant color. Tiny bells in a spike, like the hyacinth, but much smaller. 6c. 3 for 15c, 12 for 54c, 25 for \$1.00.

Grape Hyacinth, Heavenly Blue. Like the preceding, but of a different shade of blue. 6c. 3 for 15c, 12 for 54c, 25 for \$1.00.

Scilla Sibirica. A spike of bell-shaped flowers of deep vivid steel-blue. Largest-size bulbs. 8c. 6 for 44c, 12 for 80c.

Sixteen Other varieties. Chionodoxas, Muscari, Scillas. These I furnish only in complete sets, and only one set to a customer. 16 bulbs, all different, each one labeled, \$1.00.

With these little bulbs there is a decided advantage in getting and planting them in summer, as they are then much fresher and stronger than when kept until fall.





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